

## Here's Wishing All Our Readers Everywhere A Happy Yuletide Season

### Christmas Message

#### "THE HOPE OF THE WORLD"

"It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old."

In this beautiful hymn the author expresses for us the very heart of the Christmas message in this troubled hour of history. On that first Christmas there was a song in the night, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Amongst Men of Good Will."

To a world perplexed, hopeless, steeped in misery; a world where over-indulgence and vice held in bondage those who should have been the leaders and seers of their people; a world where all religious foundations and life had been undermined by formalism, prejudice, and bigotry, and its spiritual life had become chilled and blighted; a world where the military might of Imperial Rome held sway over all countries, great and small; to such a world the song of songs was given, and not only the song of songs, but the Gift of gifts. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

In the Old Testament there is a very wonderful and hopeful message of prophecy for a people burdened and distressed — "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." How very clearly this great prophet pictures for his people a coming Messiah, and portrays His life and character. We today know how truly Jesus bore and fulfilled all the titles ascribed in this great prophecy of Isaiah. His, indeed, was the wonderful life that has ever been lived. Won-

derful in its purity, its unselfishness, its magnanimity and its sacrificial love.

As a Counsellor and Guide He has stood, and still stands, without a peer, as many of the world's greatest masters and leaders have testified. The historian, Lechy, tells us that during the three short years of Christ's teachings and ministry, He did more to soften and regenerate the heart of mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers, and all the exhortations of moralists.

That He was one with God, the Father, is clearly evident from his own words and life. To Philip's request, "Show us the Father," He answered, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and again "I and my Father are one." John testified "That was the true light which cometh into the world." "He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not."

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin tells the story of a cultured, young lady teacher, of Jewish birth, who had lost faith in the religion of her people, whose religious foundations seemed to be entirely undermined. Later there came to her life an overwhelming experience of loss and sorrow. Thus burdened with loneliness and grief, she was led by a lady friend to attend the services of Dr. Coffin's church. After one of his services when she was shaking hands with the minister, she told him "I see it all now." To Dr. Coffin's enquiry regarding her conversion she told him "I find that I cannot think of anything in the character of God that I do not find in Jesus Christ, and there is nothing that I need God for that Jesus Christ does not do for me."

Then, too, how naturally He bears the title "Prince of Peace." His peace is not merely a negative virtue. It is not simply the absence of war. His peace is defi-

nitely positive. It is the peace of understanding, the peace of unselfishness, the peace of right relationships, the peace of good will; the only peace which can endure.

There is, moreover, a further message in this old time prophecy, which we may do well to recall at this time — "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." What a wonderful vision and faith this old time prophet and seer of Israel had. His great message of hope wings its way on and on through the centuries to the birth of the Christ Child, and down through all the following centuries with added glory because "The word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth."

Our Christmas 1943, still finds the world's masses in the suffering and anguish of war, but the coming of the joyful day has always served to renew our faith and strength, our hope in man's destiny, and if we but open our hearts to the Christmas message and spirit, it will not fail us at this time.

An age of warfare feeds and nourishes the growth of discord and ill-will, and there are those who quite openly affirm that it is an essential weapon for the triumph of our cause. Surely this cannot be so. Amongst Christian people, if no where else, it must be kept in mind that when these terrible "days of strife" are over, the world's stock of understanding and good will is the only material out of which a new and better order of living can be built. In the words of Wilson Woodside, "We must have a better order and a lasting peace — or else."

Dr. Albert F. Gilmore, in his recent book, "The Christ at the Peace Table," assures us, "The Christ at the peace table will ensure its great endeavour. Nothing less can provide a peace in which all nations and all peoples can work out their destinies in safety, untroubled by the terrible curse of war. That the people of the United Nations yearn for it, is beyond question. That it is possible of realization is equally assured. If there is to be the same determination to win the peace that is now manifested in winning the war, the peace desired will be the result. 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.'

This Christmas ought to be, for us all, a special season of brighter hopes and gratitude to God, because we have not only the strength and means to continue a war of defense, but are now reaching for a maximum or armament and effort, and are now in a position, together with our allies, to take the initiative, and to do so with many added evidences that, under the providence of God, we are winning the war. Thus with humble and grateful hearts may we go forward, confident that, with Divine aid, ours shall be the victory and the peace.

Regardless of what the immediate future may hold of continued struggle and sacrifice, may we keep burning and undimmed, the Light of the Christian Faith and Spirit, which has been so beautifully expressed by the famed United States soldier, General MacArthur, when he said, "It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but, in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father which art in Heaven.'"

In this spirit of beautiful child-like trust an dconfidence may we face the responsibilities, and, if need be, the sacrifices which lie before us. In this spirit may we be the bearers and sharers of the old time prophetic message, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end," and of the glorious Christmas story of joy and hope. "Unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

With all good Christmas Wishes to our people and friends.

Your minister and friend.

REV. E. LONGMIRE

### Christmas Services At Local Churches

#### UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, December 26, 1943

Paschendale—Public Worship — 11:15 a.m.

Roseberry—Public Worship — 3:45 p.m.

Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.

Public Worship—7:30 p.m.

These will be the regular Christmas services. Special Christmas hymns will be a feature of the evening service.

A hearty invitation to all.

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#### ST. MARY'S (ANGLICAN)

Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 26th, at 2 p.m.

Celebration of the Holy Communion, also Christmas Hymns and Carols.

Please note the change of time

— 2 o'clock p.m.

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH

J. B. Stolee, Pastor.

SHARON—

Christmas Day—Christmas Service—11:00.

Sunday, Jan. 2.—Special Norwegian Service—2:00.

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#### NEWS OF OUR BOYS

Ptes. Delbert Coffin and Charles Hackett arrived home on Wednesday.

In the December 10th edition of the Vancouver News-Herald was an account of four Vancouver airmen receiving Air Force decorations, one of whom, PO J. H. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Mason, 312 E. Fifth St. North, Vancouver, and a nephew of Mrs. E. Longmire, of Irma, Alberta, received the D.F.C. for completing many successful operations against the enemy in which he displayed eight skill, fortitude, and devotion to duty.

PO G. L. Mason, a flying instructor, with the RCAF in Canada, and a sister, LAW Margaret E. Mason, also with the RCAF. PO Mason joined the Air Force two years ago and went overseas a year later as a pilot.

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FARMERS!—Your union is the most important part of your business. It is your interest and your duty to join. Further it is up to you to attend the meetings of your local, not to sit at home and complain because farming conditions are not satisfactory. Plan to attend the next meeting of the Irma local in Hedley's Hall. The date has been changed to January 10th, 1944, in order that Mr. Jackson might attend. A social evening is being arranged. In the meantime, tune in CFCN each Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.; CFCN each Friday at 9:15 p.m.

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#### NO IRMA TIMES FOR DECEMBER 31st.

Our next issue will be dated Friday, December 24th, Christmas Greeting issue. Following our usual custom no paper will be published between Christmas and New's Years.

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#### RAGS—RAGS—RUBBER

A new certificate for the shipping of waste rags and rubber which must be used before the end of December. So come on folks! We know you meant to clean out that rag bag or trunk. Now's your chance. The Salvage Committee are more than anxious to send off a good shipment very soon now. Every rag or rubber tire or tube will do its part to back our enemies off the face of the globe.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Friday, December 31st

KIEPER'S HALL—IRMA

Johnny Heron's Orchestra

Lunch Served

Admission—50c Per Person

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I'M WITH YOU FOR CHRISTMAS



We appreciate the business you have given us  
in the past and hope that we may  
serve you in the future

IRMA GARAGE — J. Ostad, Proprietor

### Christmas Greetings



This glad time brings us  
pleasant associations with  
happy recollections of  
our many friends, and we  
mean it when we say

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

IRMA HARDWARE — Jack Fletcher, Manager



We Hope and Trust that Your Christmas will be  
the Happiest One You have ever known,  
and 1944 a Joyous and Prosperous  
Year for You.

THE CLUB CAFE IRMA

# Bankers On Transition From War To Peace

## Vital National Problems Discussed by Bank of Montreal President

George W. Spinney Gives "the Frank and Considered Opinion of a Banker" on Nationalization of Banking

### 126th ANNUAL MEETING

#### Strongly Emphasizes Value of Victory Bonds Both During War and After

Problems of vital interest to Canadians in the transition from war to peace were discussed at the 126th annual meeting of Bank of Montreal shareholders by George W. Spinney, C.M.G., president of the institution. Among the subjects he dealt with were nationalization of banking on which he gave what he described as "the frank and considered opinion of a banker", the value of Victory Bonds in the war and after, and the need for a healthy, vigorous and flexible economy in attaining a high and increasing productivity essential for full employment and decent living standards.

Following a presentation of the profit and loss statement of the bank, as already published, Mr. Spinney spoke as follows:

"On the battle lines throughout the world, the past year has given us much cause for profound thankfulness. On the home front too the year has been one of achievement. But I think that any realistic view of the local scene must lead to the conclusion that the threat of inflation with all its attendant dislocation and hardship has in no way diminished but has, if anything, increased. Moreover, I do not think it too much to say that by reason of the very success of the Allied forces, we in Canada are peculiarly vulnerable to the dangers of complacency with a consequent relaxation of our vigilance. A time when our full efforts should be sustained. In brief, I think we have a situation in which it is necessary for us to continue to draw upon their reserves of sound common sense and their capacity for clear thinking and self-discipline. For it is at a time such as the present that these qualities, displayed by those at home, have been most effective in the duration of the struggle and on our ultimate ability to meet and to solve the problems of transition from war to peace.

"Much has been said, and rightly so, concerning the spectacular war time achievements of Canadian industry. Many accomplishments have been possible for the co-operation and untiring efforts of millions of Canadian workers who have brought to the war production the fullest measure of their undivided effort. I should also like to pay tribute to those responsible for no less remarkable accomplishments in other fields—agriculture and transportation. At no time in our history has our country been so fully important a place in the armoury of the United Nations as it does at present. The manner in which Canadian farmers have met, and are continuing to meet, the challenges of a vastly increased demand upon them, under extreme handicaps of shortage of help and scarcity of machinery, is deserving of the praise and gratitude of the entire nation. I would also like to say a word concerning the services rendered by our two great railroad systems. Despite scarcity of equipment and manpower, the railroads are handling freight and passenger traffic in a创 record volume. The performance of such a task, under trying conditions of operation, and with relatively little inconvenience to shippers of freight and to the traveling public, is a credit to the management of which the management and operating personnel of the railway systems may well be proud.

#### THE WARTIME WORK OF THE BANK

"I think it would be quite in order for me now to draw attention to the manner in which your Bank has endeavoured in a spirit of service to meet the changing needs of a community which has been most changed in the volume of loans of both commercial and financial character, but in other directions the work has vastly expanded. Transactions in cheques and deposit Victory Bonds and similar coupons, passing through our hands, have been immeasurably heavier than before the war. Our safekeeping facilities have been under a severe strain. We have already doubled our safekeeping space, increased our vaults and handled coupons running literally into hundreds of millions. Distribution of foreign exchange control also has added to our responsibilities. It has been necessary to cope with these situations with a staff which, by reason of heavy enlistments, is seriously depleted in its experienced ranks. Of their diligence and loyalty the General Manager and I say nothing to say later on in this meeting.

"In the year just closed, our acquisitions of Government securities were on a reduced scale as compared with the preceding year, notwithstanding the fact that the Government had a small debt. You will, I am sure, appreciate my point when I say this is a development we welcome, since it is a direct reflection of the national effort to combat inflation by reducing the war to the greatest possible extent by taxation and the sale of bonds to individuals and other non-



GEORGE W. SPINNEY, C.M.G.  
President

bank investors. While the continued purchase of short term Government securities is a wartime duty which the Bank is glad to assume to the Minister of Finance in his desire to see that the necessity for this expansionary type of financing is kept as far as possible in this regard has been merely one of passive agreement. For our whole organization has focussed very special attention upon the matter of aiding in the sale of Victory Bonds and in keeping the public informed. I am proud of our record in this great national undertaking. By written word and oral persuasion we have done everything within our power to encourage depositors in the Bank to buy Victory Bonds to the utmost limit of their ability in the purchase of Government securities and to pledge their incomes to the same end. But that is not all. We have established low rates of interest on all our arrangements designed to secure these securities into our hands for safekeeping. The significance of this service goes beyond the elimination of the obvious risk in keeping money in one's own hands, for we know from experience that the investor who lodges his bonds at the bank for safe-keeping is thereby helped and encouraged to perpetuate his savings.

#### VICTORY BONDS IN THE WAR AND AFTER

"You probably have read public statements which would impress the banks and other large institutions have an interest in depriving the individual of his Victory Bonds in accordance with some deep-laid and sinister scheme of concentration. Such statements, it seems to me, cannot be the result of a thoroughly informed and unbiased appraisal of the facts. First hand knowledge enables me to speak on this point with some confidence. The Chairman of our Victory Loan organization for a period of two and a half years, I was able to observe at close range the thoughtful planning and untiring energy which has gone into the work. In the First Loan of June, 1941, there were 968,259 subscriptions. In the Loan just closed, there were over 3,000,000 subscriptions. This is not the result of the sale of one sale for every four persons in the Dominion.

"In my view the widest possible distribution of Victory Bonds in public hands, apart from its necessity under present conditions, has the most important war aim. For if the national debt is distributed among all sections of the community, the processes of repayment will be eased and facilitated. Moreover the reserve of purchasing power built up by the hundreds of thousands of purchase of Victory Bonds, can play a very real and im-

portant part in stabilizing the post-war economy and maintaining employment.

"I know there have been some fears expressed that there will be a rush on the part of individuals to convert their bonds at the end of the war and that the impact of this spending power on goods, which for some time will be limited in supply, will give rise to an even greater danger of inflation than the present. I am not inclined to accept without reservation the desire to save and to provide for the future is a basic human instinct, and a habit which quickly becomes a way of life. In the pre-war years many people were either denied the opportunity or lost the habit of saving. During the war, saving has again become possible and is now a habit which is respectable but has been elevated to the position of a patriotic duty. Many people are enjoying for the first time the feeling of independence which only a reserve of savings can give. This suggests that the public can, in large measure, be projected into the post-war years if Canadians see to it that the act of saving continues to be respectable and that the savings of the individual will be respected.

#### THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNMENT CONTROL

"At this point I think it would be better to make some reference to the much more difficult subject of nationalization of banking. For it seems to me that the frank and considered opinion of a banker, who like most other Canadian bankers, is not inclined "the hard way", is at least as worthy of a hearing as the views of ardent exponents of theories of ownership. Let me say, therefore, that I am in favour of nationalization of a bank, and that I believe who has the best interest of his country at heart, that I am at a loss to understand what good object nationalization of banking would achieve. Indeed, I am convinced that such a move would be productive of consequences gravely detrimental to the community at large.

"To be more specific, I cannot see

that under nationalization the many and varied banking services on which the entire business and commercial life of Canada depends will be given

to the public in a manner which everyone is inclined to take for granted, would be performed with greater efficiency and despatch than they are now. I find it difficult to understand that there is no room for the Bank to have a greater assurance of privacy or personal attention to his particular problems than he has at present. Moreover, the Bank can still have a need for nationalization in order to place the nation's supply of money under governmental regulation, since the regulation of the money supply is a function already performed by the Government-owned central bank.

"Our position to-day is that there are ten banks actively competing with each other for business; and I can assure you that this competition is real and intensive. Under these circumstances it is difficult to believe that the banking system has adequately served or that his proposals have not received due consideration by any one bank, there is nothing to prevent him from going to another bank. In this connection, under our competitive system a refusal of business by several banks would probably be sufficient evidence that the proposal was not one which, in the opinion of the imagination of the banking system, could conform to good banking principles.

"The alternative which the proponents of nationalization offer in exchange for the present system of competitive banking is a centralized and uniform governmental control.

"Under such circumstances once the borrowing requirements of a customer were denied, for any reason whatever, he would have no recourse except through the channels of special pleading or political influence.

"I think that the most important proponents of nationalized banking recently stated, as one of the points in their favour, that control of finance is the most essential step to control of the economy. With the exception of this statement as applied to nationalization of the banks I would most definitely agree. Set up a government monopoly of banking in Canada and the social welfare of the rest of the community would scarcely be more than a "mopping-up operation". For if a governmental bureau becomes the only source of day-to-day credit accommodation for Canadian industry

## Strong Financial Statement Showing Record Resources Presented by B. C. Gardner, General Manager

BANK SERVING 1,200,000 CUSTOMERS

Staff Now 58% Women - Relieving Many Men For Military Duty

With resources at the highest figure in the bank's history, the financial statement presented to Bank of Montreal shareholders by B. C. Gardner, general manager, reflected unprecedented strength and indicated the extent to which the institution was participating in the nation's war effort.

In submitting the 126th annual statement of the bank, Mr. Gardner commented briefly as follows:

"Our total assets now aggregate \$1,313,065,000, as compared with \$1,175,319,000 a year ago. Quick assets aggregate \$1,036,610,000, or 83.81% of all liabilities to the public. "Notes of and deposits with the Bank of Canada amount to \$119,666,000, representing approximately 11.39% of all deposit liabilities in Canadian dollars.

"Investments, not exceeding market value, carried at \$709,848,000, show an increased during the year of \$116,000. This increase is reflected in our holdings of Dominion of Canada Deposit Certificates and other short-term obligations of the Dominion Government. Our holdings of Provincial and Municipal securities show some further contraction, reflecting the lower borrowing requirements of these bodies.

"Current Loans and Discounts are little changed from the previous year figure. Our Commercial Loans continue to decline, the reduction in inventories, the shortening of credit terms, the reduced activities of companies engaged in the financing of durable consumer goods, such as motor cars, the inactivity of financial markets, and the reduction of private debts.

"In valuing our assets, ample room has been made for all bad and doubtful debts and for depreciation of securities.

#### BANK SERVICES

"The services of the Bank have been maintained at a high level of efficiency in spite of the greatly increased volume of routine resulting from wartime conditions. The rise in bank deposits has been accompanied by the growth of our Savings Accounts and we now provide banking facilities for about 1,200,000 customers under these headings. This has been accompanied by an even greater growth in the volume of transactions handled at our branches.

"In the loaning field the Bank has supplied, with Government co-operation, the necessary funds to finance operations of a character that would normally hardly qualify for banking assistance.

"In all of these operations we have had no criticism from those who use our services and I should like to pay tribute to our customers and to thank them for their continued support.

"And agriculture, the Canadian economy will have already realized the extent to which any field of endeavour may continue to retain the outward appearance of free enterprise. This, I suggest, is a point of employees, as well as of our own management.

"For if the Government, directly or indirectly, is to attain control of the entire productive facilities of the country, such an important element will be lost. Doubtless we have enabled many extra hours of work. Especially are we mindful of the heavy pressure upon our Managers, Accountants and other senior staff. We have been able to retain our more experienced employees in the handling of relatively senior posts, very often on short notice. We have been impressed with the way in which our staff, clearly understanding the temporary and temporary nature of the heavy pressure upon our Managers, Accountants and other senior staff, have responded.

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however, suggest that for the duration of the war at least, any very marked increase in one branch of industry productively utilized at the expense of some other department of the economy. Already lack of manpower has affected the output of Canadian industries such as gold mining, lumbering and newsprint.

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## Dominion's First Parachute School At Shilo, Manitoba, Has Many Surprising Devices

(By Sgt. A. Christopher, Canadian Army Public Relations)

SHILO, Man.—On the outskirts of this big military area are the sandy acres comprising the Dominion's first Parachute school. "restricted areas" signs warning that its secrets are not for the eyes of the curious. Beyond the signs are mechanical contraptions that at first glance resemble "thrill" rides of a super midway, outstanding among them being a 250-foot steel-ribbed jump tower that dwarfs all else for miles around.

Only when the devices are explained by an expert paratroop instructor do they make sense. Then they add up to a graduated series of heights that start the student paratrooper on the ground, and within a few short weeks have him leaping into space from the prop-blasted doorway of a Lockheed, thousands of feet up.

First on the list is a sawdust-filled square, flanked on three sides by six-foot high platforms. The new classes of men with aspirations of adding the coveted wings of the paratrooper to the tunic of their battle dress, spend most of the first week in this shallow pit, thankful for the sawdust which cushions many a fall, and learning the true meaning, to put it mildly, of "callisthenics".

It is the emphasis on physical conditioning—or re-conditioning, for most of the men are already toughened in battle schools—that dominates the initial phase of the training. A well-nigh perfect physical specimen has to be made before a man can be entrusted to jump with safety from a plane.

The raised platform beside the outdoor training field is used for tumbling. Correct methods of falling are perfected from the stands and become second nature. Hand-to-hand combat, fighting in taught, while exercises run the gamut from finger-stretching to back-limbering.

Simultaneously with the physical training, the student is also getting his first taste of leaving the door of a plane. Wooden contraptions built to simulate the fuselage of a plane, and dubbed the "mock door," are used to teach the proper technique. This is all ground work.

The first experience of falling through the air becomes a reality when the student reaches the "mock tower" and another gadget, designed to teach the correct methods of suspension from a "parachute, landing, and rolling.

The mock tower stands 30 feet above the ground. The student gets a thrill and thought-producing ride down a single strand of wire, suspended from the harness of a chute. This controlled descent is to teach correct procedure in leaving a plane.

The second device consists of a series of inclined ramps which act as rails for a carriage with wheels from which is suspended the harness of a parachute. The student hangs on to the harness, lets go and speeds down the slope. On nearing the ground, the object is to make a landing that will not result in a disability.

A wind-machine is another device used in the training. This corresponds to the blast from the propeller of a plane. The student lies on the ground attached to an open chute. The wind-machine is turned on, roars a gale into the chute and both man and the silk go tumbling along the ground. This not only gives the student the feel of the prop-blast, but also enables him to practice control of a parachute on landing and how to regain his feet after a fall.

Lastly, the student comes to the tower. On this he is given two rides on a controlled arm. This drop is spectacular but involves no technique. Three other arms on the tower allow free jumps, and from these the student is allowed his first real descent by parachute. A public address system is used to give him instructions in landing.

With a few weeks of grueling training behind him, the fledgling paratrooper is now ready to make his first actual jump from an airplane. He packs his own chute on a Friday and on the following Monday makes his first leap into space at a height of several thousand feet. On the following days, jumps are made from lower heights.

This in abbreviated form is how the Canadian parachutist earns his wings. It's the toughest training in any man's language, and behind all the physical preparations are the mental hazards which have to be faced. "I have the butterflies in my stomach everytime I make a jump," said one veteran paratrooper. Judge for yourself, how the novices feels.

Lieut.-Col. R. F. Routh of Montreal, officer commanding the school, summed up the training as follows:

"In a short time we have a trained jumper—that is a man who knows

to jump safely without injury to himself or others. He is a parachutist, but not a paratrooper. Several months of training in tactics and the weapons he will use once he is landed are necessary to make a paratrooper."

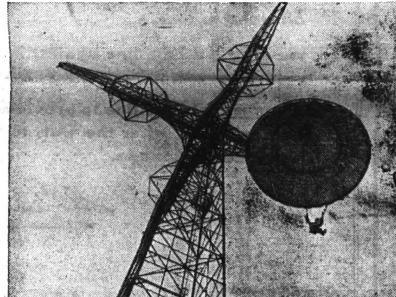
### Britain's Produce

People Answer Government's Call To Grow More Food

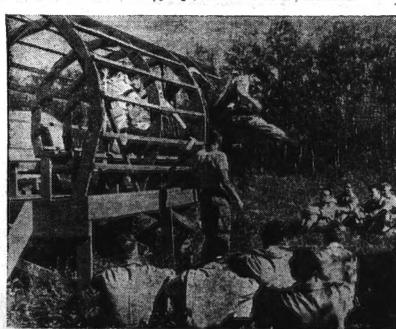
Impressive figures show the extent

to which the British people have translated the Government's call to grow more food at home into action. In four years, the number of allotment holders in England and Wales has increased by from 700,000 to 900,000, and the grand total of allotment-holders now stands at approximately 1,800,000. In some areas, development has been especially marked; and in the London suburb of Wembley, for example, the pre-war 130 plots have increased to 2,600. At the last estimate, these war allotments are producing 450,000 tons of essential foodstuffs a year, whereas the ordinary man and woman of Great Britain is saving at least 18,000,000 cubic feet of shipping-space a year. In addition, between two and three million private garden owners produce annually tremendous quantities of vegetables and fruit. \*

Enthusiasm originally meant inspiration by the presence of God. \*



Steel-ribbed 250-foot jumping tower is spectacular part of training. Of four arms, three allow "free" jumps, while fourth is controlled.

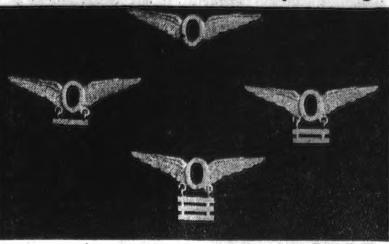


Instructor is throwing out right leg with good kick as students technique of leaving plane. Prop blast will strike leg and turn jumper correctly.



Packing and function of parachute is taught in huge hangar. Instructor Lieut. A. A. J. Liddiard, Ottawa, shows how chute is released. In harness is Cpl. W. Ward, Toronto.

### Bars Added To R.C.A.F. "Ops" Wing



—R.C.A.F. Photo.

The R.C.A.F.'s new operational wing (top) which will be awarded to members of aircrew who complete a tour of operations has been augmented with the addition of a bar for each additional tour. One bar to the wing (left) indicates that the wearer has completed two tours of operations, two bars (right), three tours, and three bars (lower centre) show that four tours of operational flying have been completed. Hundreds of R.C.A.F. crew will soon receive their wing, many with a bar. The number of sorties constituting a tour has been laid down and aircrew who qualify for the award both in Canada and overseas will be entitled to the new wing. The certificate presented with the gold wing reads, "in recognition of distinguished services in that he has completed a tour of operational duty in action against the enemy."

### Spending In Peace

From An Address By Lord Wavell, Viceroy Of India, To The London Pilgrims' Society.

It has always seemed to me a curious fact that money is forthcoming in any quantity for a war, but that no nation has ever yet produced the money on the same scale to fight the evils of peace—poverty, lack of education, unemployment, ill-health.

When we are prepared to spend our money and our efforts against them as freely and with the same spirit as against Hitler, and when we pay our schoolmasters at a much higher rate and our lawyers, perhaps, at a somewhat lower rate, we shall really be making progress.

In the country to which I go those evils of poverty, lack of education, and disease have to be met on probably a greater scale than anywhere else.

### Great Ice Invasion

Effects Are Still Very Much In Evidence Throughout Canada

Among the great geological events in Canada's history were the Pleistocene glacial invasions. These occurred within comparatively recent times and the effects are still evident in the existence throughout the Dominion of countless lakes, rapids and waterfalls. The rich soils of our agricultural regions in Southern Ontario and the prairie provinces are also the direct result of glacial action.

The cause of this great ice invasion is still controversial but the fact is indisputable. The glaciers spread and retreated at least four times during the Pleistocene period of the last million years. There were mild spells between some of these invasions when the climate was warmer than at the present time. Warm water shells and fragments of mild climate trees found as fossils testify to these moderate interglacial climates. Such mementos may be found in the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Glaciers form in high land, and around the poles. It is believed that before the great ice invasion Canada stood much higher above sea level now, perhaps 2,000 feet. The ice weighed down the earth's crust and then melted away. The sea came up into the Lake Ontario basin and extended far into the Ottawa river depression. Later when the land gradually rose the sea retreated to its present position.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

### New Edible Oil

Safflower Plant Has Been Grown In Western Provinces For Some Time

In the work of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in relation to increasing the output of vegetable oils, progress has been reported in the investigations on safflower, in conjunction with the great advance made in the oil-bearing seeds of flax, soybeans, sunflowers, and rape. Safflower is an annual thistle-like herb which has been widely distributed in India as an oil-producing plant. The oil is used for edible purposes and also in the manufacture of soap. Because of its semi-drying properties, it also has been found useful as a paint and varnish oil and for waterproofing purposes. A particular property of the oil is its ability to prevent "after-yellowing" of white or pale-tinted paints.

Safflower was introduced to Western Canada within the past ten years in the hope that it might find a place in the drier areas. Since 1936, several lines have been collected by the Cereal Division, Dominion Experimental Farms Service, and tested in several parts of Canada, with a yield of 20 to 25 per cent. in oil content. Much valuable data were also obtained in 1941-42, and as a result more recent introductions by the Cereal Division have produced a higher oil content. These are now under test.

### BLOOD BANK FOR CHINA

The first blood bank in the world to be operated entirely by Chinese doctors, technicians and nurses was opened in New York City on June 7, 1943, for the purpose of collecting plasma for the armies of China. Eventually, its staff and equipment will be sent to China to establish the country's first blood bank and first school of instruction in this kind of work.

The shrill squeak of a bat is so high-pitched that it cannot be heard by many human beings.

## British Merchant Service Has Performed Many Valiant Tasks In The True Traditional Manner

(By Robert Mackay)

BUFFETED by Atlantic gales, bombed, torpedoed, and set on fire, a British merchant ship, separated from her convoy, still got through to North Africa, her destination. She arrived there with thousands of tons of essential military stores. The master scarcely left the bridge during the whole voyage. But on one occasion, after successfully beating off a U-boat attack, he decided he could have a bath. Just as he began to enjoy the bath, a torpedo blasted a 40-foot hole in the ship's side, and he ran naked to the bridge and took over the command.

The story, recently related, is but one of a host of instances that might be quoted to illustrate the kind of life which the men of the British Merchant Service have been leading since the outbreak of war. An equally typical story was told by Lord Baldwin when he addressed The Company of Master Mariners in London, in 1928. After referring to "the unflinching courage and endurance" of Britain's seamen in the 1914-18 war, Lord Baldwin said he would illustrate that tribute by giving one brief story which had never till then been published.

A British trawler in the North Sea sighted two German cruisers, he said, "and, being British, it attacked." The last phrase alone is worth volumes! The German cruisers, sent on Lord Baldwin, fired two broadsides into the trawler, and left her to sink. The result was that the only man unharmed in the trawler was the skipper. His mate, Charlie, was still alive, but was pinned under a 12-pounder. By skillful use of tackle in the rigging, the skipper succeeded in raising the gun and freeing the mate, whom he then placed in a boat just before the trawler sank.

The boat was eventually picked up, and Charlie was sent to Chatham for an operation. After spending six months on his back, he was invalidated out of the Service, disabled. He went by train to his home port, where his wife was waiting to greet him. Before he had time to leave the station—there was a North-West gale blowing—he heard a lifeboat called by gun fire. Now Charlie had been a member of that lifeboat crew before the war. Without a word, he pushed his little boy into his wife's hands, went to join his old comrades in the lifeboat, and helped to rescue the crew of the ship in distress. Then he went home. He sat down to supper with a woman whose silent courage was a fitting counterpart of his own.

The recent announcement that for the first time since September, 1939, the Allies have a surplus of shipping makes those stories particularly opposite, for although a variety of factors has brought about this dramatic change in the shipping tonnage situation, the one ever-present factor has been the "unflinching courage and endurance" of Britain's seamen. Without it, Germany would have triumphed. Europe would have been dominated, and the whole world would today be at the mercy of the tyranny of Nazism.

The British held the breach in the dark days, and now more merchant ships are at sea in escort convoys and carrying essential cargoes than at any previous period since the outbreak of war. The convoys arrive and depart with almost the regularity of railway schedules. They are splendidly guarded by air and sea escorts. But it must never be forgotten that early in the war the inadequate number of escort ships was a very serious matter, and the protection screen was all too thin. All this was well known to the men in the British Merchant Marine. What was the attitude of those British seamen then? They growled defiant anger—but they salled. The attitude was typical and traditional. But though it expressed a rough disregard for heroics, it can never obscure the real heroism it sought to hide.

The merchant and fishing fleets have been the nurseries of Britain's fighting men, for the sea sense is woven into the national life of the whole British people. It was, we may be sure, his perception of this essential fact that led Emerson to use a nautical metaphor when, in 1856, he declared that he saw England not "dispirited and despairit" but "young and still daring to believe in her power of endurance." He had, he wrote, "a kind of instinct that England sees a little better on a cloudy day, and that in storm and calamity she has a secret vigor."

Fifty years ago a modern essayist, Professor George Santayana uses a similar metaphor when he writes that what governs the Englishman is "his inner atmosphere, the weather in his soul." And Professor Santayana goes on to say that the Englishman is by instinct no conqueror but "travels and conquers without a settled design, because he has the instinct of exploration. He carries his

English weather in his heart wherever he goes, and it becomes a steady and sane oracle amongst all the deliberations of mankind.

It is, indeed, no mere chance that those who think or write or speak of the British character envisage it as saturated with the tradition of the sea. The ships change with the centuries, but the men who go down to the sea remain. The lesson they learn from the sea is not only that of self-reliant courage, but that of thought of others; for the quiet thoroughness of the British seamen comes from his high sense of duty. He knows that if he is careless about even the smallest job he has to do, he risks "letting the other fellow down" and perhaps endangering the whole ship's company. And not only all on board, but the ship itself—the ship which, for the British seaman, is also a living thing.

Courage and simplicity, strict honesty of purpose and self-reliance, humanity and tolerance—those are the qualities which the sea produces. They are the sea sense which has been woven into Britain's life. They are the qualities which the great American essayist we have already quoted recognized as permanent characteristics of the people.

That was why he exclaimed prophetically that he saw England—with strength still equal to the time, still wise to entertain and swift to execute the policy which the heart and mind of mankind require at the present moment."

### Cuddly Poodle



3612

by Alice Brooks

Cute, isn't he? Why not make him for a toy or mascot? He's simple as pie to do—just four pattern pieces, quickly sewn together of a gay print—the shaggy ears are "trrimmed" with ruff cotton. You're a "poodle" and your poodle stands squarely on his four little feet. Pattern 7611 contains a transfer pattern and directions for dog.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your name, address and pattern number.

"Because of the slowness of the mail delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

### A GOOD EXAMPLE

Sir William Mulock, veteran former Chief Justice of Ontario, has made an outstanding success of planting trees. Many years ago he started to plant black walnut trees on his farm near Toronto, and he has now a stand of 45,000, some of them well on their way to maturity, when they will be worth a fortune. It is just a little better on a cloudy day, and that in storm and calamity she has a secret vigor."

A small blood capillary is one-fiftieth the thickness of a human hair.

## Viking Items

NEWS ITEMS  
FROM JARROW

For the past few days the local creamery have been paying out the annual balance on cream, and we understand that the total this year is over \$23,000. The total is not as large as last year when the largest balance in the history of the creamery was paid out, but during the year the spread between the initial price paid for cream and the market value of butter was smaller than in most years. Considering the fact that the producer received on the average over 4¢ per pound more than in the previous year, at the time the cream was marketed, the balance paid this year is remarkably high. We are given to understand that the total balances which have been paid out by the Viking Cooperative Creamery Association is around \$300,000.

The quantity of butter made this year shows an increase of almost 80,000 pounds over the previous year. This is an increase of about 8 per cent. in the amount manufactured. Last year the million mark was topped for the first time, in the history of the creamery, and this year the one million, one hundred thousand mark will be almost reached.

We understand that the balance is paid out to over fifteen hundred patrons of the creamery, and as an individual account must be kept for each one, getting out the balance each year in time for Christmas entails a tremendous amount of work on the part of the office staff.

For the first half of the year the business was under the able management of J. J. Skalitzky who had been manager for about thirty years, but who resigned his position this year. His successor, Mr. Magnus Hanssen, is a young man with a number of years experience in creamery work, and who, until his appointment as manager of the Viking Creamery, was manager of the Grande Prairie Creamery.

Mr. G. A. Loades is president of the Association, which position he has filled since the death of the late John Krings, who was president from the foundation of the Association until his death.

Mrs. Vincent Slavik, a recent bride, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given last Friday evening at the home of Mr. J. C. Hennessy and her daughter, Miss Genevieve. During the evening Mrs. Comisarow sang a couple of favorite numbers which were much enjoyed. After a contest, which Mrs. Thunell won, little Miss Merna Clark appeared with a carriage decorated very tastefully in pink and white loaded with beautiful gifts, and presented to Mrs. Slavik, who thanked the ladies very gracefully. A delightful lunch was served. Mrs. Streit and Mrs. J. L. Slavik assisted the hostesses. The singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" closed a happy evening.

The outstanding event of the holiday season promises to be the New Year's eve dance in the Elks Hall under the auspices of the Ladies of St. Mary's Church. Preparations are well under way to make it the most pleasant affair of this year.

Novelties will be distributed and prizes awarded for several special numbers. The hall will be tastefully decorated in holiday mood and all those attending are sure to enjoy the affair whether they dance or not. The Viking Jive orchestra will furnish music and have some new numbers up their sleeve.

Come and see the old year out and the New Year in with your friends at the New Year's eve dance at St. Mary's Church.

Christmas carols and Christmas anthems featured the services at the United Church last Sunday evening. The church was filled with a congregation that listened intently to the Christmas message in song and story. The service consisted of three special anthems by the choir, a duet by Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Harney, a male quartette, Messrs. Wm. Elliott, V. A. Hardy, P. Nordstrom and H. G. Thunell; vocal solos by Mrs. Comisarow and Mr. Harney, Mr. K. Hilliker played the organ accompaniments, and Mrs. Harney led the choir. Rev. Wragg chose as his text for his Christmas message, "Fear not, for I Bring You Good Tidings." He spoke of the numerous fears people have, fear of hearing bad news, fear of sickness, fear of old age, fear that their children may go wrong, fear of bad crops, fear of storms, fears, crop is estimated by Broomhall at all kinds, but the message of 257,180,000 bushels, more than 20 million bushels higher than last year's crop.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Egyptian rice production in the 1943-44 season is placed at 565,800 tons, as compared with 660,100 tons produced in 1942-43. Present conditions indicate that Mexican corn production this year will be about 20 per cent. less than in 1942 — Argentina's exportable wheat surplus was estimated recently at 136,990,000 bushels, as compared with 160,829,000 bushels a year ago.

The U.S. War Production Board has increased the total tonnage of farm machinery permitted to be exported to Canada — Canadian wheat and flour exports this August totalled 27,707,135 bushels, the largest August shipment in five years — Argentina's wheat of bad crops, fear of storms, fears, crop is estimated by Broomhall at all kinds, but the message of 257,180,000 bushels, more than 20 million bushels higher than last year's crop.



REV. R. CLEGG

There have been several influenza victims in Jarrow and vicinity but so far there have been no serious developments.

The large store in Jarrow, owned by J. C. Curlett, of Westlock, has been purchased by Mr. J. Stenson, of Kinsella. Much of the building has been dismantled and the material removed.

Rev. R. Clegg, of Egerton, representing the Wainwright Presbytery, visited Jarrow, Tuesday, December 14th, where he met representatives of the Melbrea, Batts and Jarrow appointments. He presented the objective set by the United Church General Council, re-ministerial salaries and plans suggested for its attainment. He also discussed with the members of the local church problems.

The minimum salary for ordained ministers, which was set at the time of church union at \$1,800 has been increased in depression years to \$1,250 on mission fields, and also on many other charges.

In a number of instances this has been implemented since the war by a cost of living bonus. This year the Home Mission Board has increased the grants by \$100.00. The hope is that the local fields can increase their support by \$100.00. If these were done, the new objective of \$1,500.00 a year would be met to the extent of \$1,450.

Those who are interested in the welfare of the church have been very unhappy over the inadequate salaries of so many of its ministers, and are hoping with the sympathy and co-operation of the people to remedy the situation.

## A. F. U. Notes

*"Building for the Future."*  
Social security in Canada if it is to be worthy of the name, must not overlook Canada's Number 1 industry — Agriculture.

We quote from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: "Principles of Post War Reconstruction for Agriculture."

Organized farmers are heartily in sympathy with Social Security measures which apply to the whole population. Too often, in the past, schemes have been proposed, and some enacted, which give slight consideration, or practically none, to the farmer and his family. If the country as a whole is to contribute to Social Security plans the farmers, as well as others, should come in for their share of the benefits. In the administration of any Social Security scheme for Canada agriculture should be adequately represented on administering boards."

In the dark thirties when evil times fell upon the farming industry, it was only a matter of time until practically every business and industry in the province was undermined, and almost every kind of social service was endangered.

The "dark thirties" taught the lesson that in this western country if agriculture is allowed to languish there can be no assurance of security for anyone.

Organized farmers in the A.F.U. are working to build strong the foundation of the agricultural industry as a step towards Social Security to everyone. By supporting this organization farmers can help to build that foundation.

This being our last weekly note for 1943, we take this opportunity to wish one and all "A Merry Xmas and a Peaceful Victorious New Year."

*"Food for Victory."*

## RADIOGRAMS FROM CJCA

The enchantment of a waltz by Lehay; the melodies of Strauss and other waltz kings, past and present, set the musical atmosphere for the distinctive Friday night program, "WALTZ TIME." Tenor, Frank Munn; contralto, Evelyn McGregor; and Abe Lyman's orchestra are features in this half-hour of three-quarter time, heard from CJCA every Friday night at 7:00.

Big cash prizes, fun and information spells entertainment plus, on "TREASURE TRAIL" heard every Tuesday evening at 8:15 from CJCA. It's grand to listen to but even better to take part in. So get your Wrigley wrappers, name and address in the mail and join the fun on "The Quiz Sensation of the Nation."

Another half-hour of glorious music and song comes to you Sunday evening at 7:30 on the "AMERICAN ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC." Be on hand to hear the inspiring voice of Frank Munn with Jean Dickenson, Evelyn McGregor and the Amsterdam chorus bringing you songs and music, familiar and loved by all.

## THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange,  
Director "The Crop Testing Plan"

## MORE ABOUT MIXTURES

Thirteen years work of testing some 180,000 farmers' fields of wheat have shown us that whenever anything like a crop failure, or a bad frost occurs in a district, the next year there is a serious increase in bad mixtures found in the wheat crops.

This, of course, is because in the emergency the farmer has to use any kind of seed he can obtain. Then we find that after a few years, during which farmers have been buying better seed, the mixtures decrease. This all shows how important it is that all those who have the responsibility of making seed available to farmers in such times of trouble, whether private individuals, grain companies, or Governments, should take the utmost care in seeing to it that only the very best seed obtainable is distributed, for whenever bad mixtures are present in a crop, the quality of the wheat tends to decline.

The "Crop Testing Plan" notes each year, from its analysis of crops, the names of thousands of farmers who have really good true-to-variety wheat, free from mixtures and so quite suitable for seed, on their farms to sell. This "Crop Testing Plan" "A" stock is the material we suggest that should be distributed to farmers in times of drought or frost.

Wash cotton stockings in mild soap and water. Never hang cotton stockings in the hot sun, or over a radiator, and never iron them. Ironing may cause them to lose their shape, too hot an iron may weaken the delicate fibers. Also, remember cotton stockings are less elastic than silk — so you should launder them carefully if you want them to keep their shape. It's easy to put your finger through cotton mesh — so it's a good idea to roll the stockings before you put it on, then slip it over the foot and unroll it gently up the calf.

## WE MUST HOLD THE LINE!

On the home front the battle against inflation is now the most critical of all.

The winning of this battle will contribute much to winning the war.

It will contribute more than all else towards the solution of post-war problems.



The purpose of Price Control is to prevent inflation. Its purpose is to protect and maintain a basic standard of living.

A higher money income will not be of any advantage if, because prices are going up, our money buys less and less.

To win the battle against unemployment in the post-war period, we must first of all win the battle against inflation.

Salaries and wages are a large element, often the largest element, in the cost of everything we buy.

If the Price Ceiling breaks down, in the long run all stand to lose.

We must hold the line against inflation to assure victory in war.

We must hold the line to provide a solid foundation on which, after the war, to build a greater and a better Canada.

*W. Mackenzie King.*  
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Ottawa, December 13, 1943

## Canadian Pacific Women Fill Enlisted Men's Places



Invasive such predominantly masculine strongholds as locomotive sheds and machine shops, women have been helping to take up part of the slack caused by the enlistment of 16,228 men in the active armed forces from the Canadian Pacific Railways. At the first of September this year there were 675 women employed by the Canadian Pacific in positions normally filled by men.

The layout shows some of the women at work. Giving the final touches to the top of a locomotive

live in the roundhouse at Sudbury, Ont., are Olive Kennedy, cleaning up the number plate and Jean Nell doing some other cleaning.

Smiling Vivian Constant, at the phone and silhouetted against the engine crew call board, is "boy" for 77 crews in the locomotive shops at North Bay, Ont., where her father, Joe Lemieux, is a Canadian Pacific trainman.

Father-daughter combinations are not unusual now as demonstrated by the railroad Sauves of Sudbury in the picture, where Fred Sauve, company locomotive engineer, shows how close he can come to his daughter, Lucille Sauve, an engine wiper, with a bit of grease.

The list of women doing men's jobs shows there are 294 on eastbound trains, 110 on westbound trains, 110 in the mechanical and operating departments while the communications department is using 210 girls as telegraph messengers.



## ROAD TO VICTORY IS A LONG ONE

### Britain Warned By Leaders That War Not Yet Won

Exultation over Italy's capitulation sent British leaders to the platforms to warn the nation that though the gleam of victory has become brighter, there is still a hard, bloody path ahead.

Shortly after the invasion of Italy began Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister, said bluntly "make no mistake about this—the war is far from won" in a speech to an Air Training Corps squadron.

"The war in Europe will not be marching through Berlin," he said. "The road to Berlin is a long one. We shall then have to redouble our efforts to help China and settle with the war lords of Japan, so it is sheer folly to talk of it not being worth while to join the A.T.C. because the war will soon be over."

Sir Stafford Cripps twice warned of dangers of over-optimism sapping the nation's strength and asked that "the lightening of our anxieties... bring fresh determination to put our very greatest efforts into war production."

Sir Stafford who is minister of aircraft production, also spoke of the tougher phases ahead in cracking first Germany, then Japan.

In another way, Maj. Gwilym Lloyd George, minister of fuel, set clear the tasks ahead. He warned that every military endeavour must mean more responsibility for Britons, responsibility in seeing that advancements were not held up by irresponsibility at home. Coal must be supplied to Italy, he said, but he gave to Britons, who had raised protests against exporting coal to defeated countries, the assurance that they were not going to be asked to freeze this winter in order that former enemies might live in comfort.

Even if the ministers had not spoken out as they did, in all probability the turn of the fighting after the first few days of unopposed advances in Italy probably would have had the effect they sought to make. The viciousness of the German assault on the American 8th Army and the Salerno beachhead cut short whatever celebrations were continuing and brought a renewed realization that the Nazis would be a different mark than the Italians.

### A Dog Story

**Family Pet, Lost For Six Months, Returns Home From A Long Distance**

Lost for six months—the story of "Tillie." Last Christmas Rev. Garis T. Long, a minister living in Ashland, Kentucky, and his wife, paid a visit to his parents at Jonesville, South Carolina. Tillie, their dog, went with them. In some way Tillie got lost. A careful search was made, advertisements put in the local papers, but in vain. He and Mrs. Long went home greatly distressed.

Six months later, July 2, while attending, with a group of young people, a picnic, Mrs. Long suddenly saw Tillie coming through the woods, headed evidently straight for their home. Recognizing the dog she called, and it, hearing the familiar call, came to her with affectionate greeting. Tillie was weatherbeaten, half-starved and evidently nearly exhausted. The dog must have travelled across South Carolina, through North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

This story came to us in a newspaper clipping. To verify it we wrote at once to Mr. Long and have related it here as he told it to us in his letter.—Our Dumb Animals.

### Axis Plane Losses

**10,000 Foo Craft Downed Over United Kingdom And West Europe**  
Lord Sherwood, undersecretary for air, declared that more than 10,000 enemy planes have been destroyed over Britain and western Europe and another 5,000 over the Mediterranean area, not including Italian aircraft.

Presumably he referred to Axis losses for the entire war.

The magazine Aeroplane lists Axis losses on all fronts except Russia and the Far East at 17,093 shot down in aerial combat or by anti-aircraft fire up to Oct. 10.

### BRITAIN'S HOME GUARD

The Home Guard in Great Britain consists entirely of men too old or too young, or for some good reason, exempt from military service. These men, nearly 2,000,000 of them, are virtually all full-time workers in war industries or have essential jobs. Their soldiering is done in their spare time.

## BLOOD PLASMA PREPARED FROM CANADIANS' DONATIONS SAVES LIVES OF WOUNDED ON WORLD BATTLEFRONTS



Blood plasma, prepared from blood donations made to the Canadian Red Cross Society in Canada is saving the lives of countless wounded soldiers on war fronts where Canadian troops are fighting. At left an operation is pictured in progress at an advanced medical centre in the Mediterranean war theatre. A vein in the patient's arm is being opened and made ready for a transfusion of fluid prepared from dried blood plasma and distilled water.

At right, a Canadian Army overseas photo.



This picture, taken at an advanced medical centre in the Mediterranean war theatre, shows use of dried blood plasma, made from blood donations given by Canadians, in saving lives of wounded soldiers. Fluid made up in a medical unit as a transfusion takes place. The fluid is contained in the bottle hanging upside down on the pole and passes into the patient's veins through the tube.

The immediate treatment of shock and resulting from loss of blood could be effected by using certain constituents of blood, notably the proteins.

It is still true that when shock is the result of the loss of a great deal of blood, a certain amount of whole blood will ultimately be necessary in addition to blood substitutes. But medical science has well established that blood substitutes are of the greatest value in the immediate saving of lives. This is particularly true in the case of burns, but it also applies to all types of shock seen during war.

The transportation and preservation of liquid blood substitutes presents a number of difficulties. The extremes of temperature, the agita-

tion of moving a long distance and under the circumstances such as those which exist in North Africa and Italy, these difficulties have been circumvented by the application of the same principle to these liquid products as those which are used in the drying of vegetables and other foods.

What is done is simply the removal of the water content. In the case of blood, this leaves a yellowish powdered material which looks not unlike bath salts. This product stands the extremes of temperature and can be kept sterile under almost any conditions for months and years.

Dried blood gives every man brought wounded from the battlefield a better chance of life.

Enjoying immense advantages over other factors cause deterioration, normal blood, the dried substitute possesses all the life-saving properties of blood itself. Unlike normal blood, which can be kept safely only about 10 or 12 days, and in hot climates, an even shorter length of time, dried blood can be kept for months and years under any conditions, and all that is necessary to reconstitute it is the addition of distilled water.

And since the red cells are removed, leaving only the protein in solution, the difficulty of establishing the proper blood groups of the recipient and donor is eliminated.

It was during the past three or four years that science found that

At right, a Canadian Army overseas photo.

Attractive Prices For Fur Have Brought Prosperity To Eskimos

The Eskimos who didn't want to buy any income tax, thanks, are buying it in quantities today and being pretty cheerful about it.

Leader J. J. Martin, commanding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "C" (Arctic) division, said that good fur catches and attractive prices have brought prosperity to the hunters of the lone lands.

With prosperity, they have been introduced to taxation and not the least interesting of the things about taxation is the labor of the Mountain who must complete their income tax forms and make the assessment.

Following his annual patrol of the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and Eastern Arctic by air this year—covering 14,000 miles—Inspector Martin found that several Eskimos have entered the income-taxpaying class.

"An Eskimo family in a district where white foxes are numerous may take 1,000 in a season," he said. "That means they may have an income of \$35,000, definitely within the taxable limit."

When the Mounted Police began explaining to Western Arctic Eskimos about income tax last year they were politely informed that the natives weren't interested in buying any.

This led to profound explanations and eventual understanding.

### GEMS OF THOUGHT

#### EARNESTNESS

A man in earnest finds means, or if he cannot find, creates them—Channing.

The reformer must be a hero at all points, and he must have conquered himself before he can conquer others. Sincerity is more successful than genius or talent.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The superior man is slow in his words and earnest in his conduct—Confucius.

Without earnestness no man is ever great or does really great things. He may be the cleverest of men; he may be brilliant, entertaining, popular; but he will want weight—Bayne.

To impress others we must be earnest; to amuse them, it is only necessary to be kindly and fanciful.—Tuckerman.

There are important cases in which the difference between half a heart and a whole heart makes just the difference between signal defeat and a splendid victory.—A. H. K. Boyd.

The University of Salerno, Italy, is the oldest in Europe, founded in the ninth century.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

### Secret Weapons

#### None Of These Weapons Have Depended Upon Entirely New Principles

All the "secret weapons" are not one one side. Nor, for that matter, do many of them seem to involve any particular secrets, except the secret that they are being prepared.

It is thus as in most other wars, the achieving of technical advantage has rested much less upon the development of wholly new or surprising inventions than on the intelligence and promptness with which the possibilities of existing devices are grasped and adapted to military ends.

The war has been the appearance of a number of new weapons—the magnetic and acoustic mines and torpedoes, the radio detection devices, the remarkable controlling mechanisms for airplane gun turrets and tank-and-air artillery, the precision bombs, the German remote-controlled glide-bombs and the numerous varieties of the rocket gun, which are now blossoming in all armies.

None of these weapons depended on a wholly new principle; most of them have been readily imitated by the side against which they were used, or else independently developed by both sides, and none has had a decisive effect.—New York Herald Tribune.

Speed Victory With Victory Bonds.

### Led Famous Raid

#### Ship Built At Toronto Crossed The Atlantic In 1856

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UNBREAKABLE CONTAINERS

At a factory in East Scotland which produces especially designed unbreakable oil containers which can be dropped by parachute or thrown from moving lorries, 80% of the workers are women.

#### The King's Harvest in Windsor's Great Park is Doubtless that of last year.

### Cargo Of Walnut

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#### RAGS PUT TO GOOD USE

Rags saved in Great Britain last year made two million battle dresses, two thousand acres of felt, thousands of overcoats and blankets, and a million maps and charts.

### Soldiers Shift To R.C.A.F. For Aircrew Training



This group of young Canadians who went overseas in khaki, returned not long ago in air force blue. They changed their uniforms while overseas, transferring from the Canadian Army to the R.C.A.F. in England. Most of them have completed the first phase of their aircrew training at an Initial Training Wing of the Royal Air Force, and are ready immediately for flying training here. Army and Air Force have recently announced a cooperative recruiting scheme whereby transfer from service to service is facilitated for men whose qualifications specially fit them for duty in a different arm. At recruiting offices also, men are interviewed by both army and Air Force officers before deciding in which service they will enlist.

## ARMY NURSES ARE BRAVE UNDER FIRE

### Veteran Says Service Women Usually Cooler Than Most Men

It will surprise no one who knows the record of the army nurse since the Crimean War to learn that she is again proving herself the equal of men under something very like combat conditions. At the battle of Sidi, for instance, the nurses of an evacuation hospital disembarked on the heels of the infantry; made themselves at home, first, under fire in fox holes; then on the ground with one blanket. In infantry shelter-holes; in the famous pup tent, that is, for food and water, during that baptism of fire, each nurse had one B and one C ration and one canteen of chlorinated water. Once set up and the Geneva Cross unrolled, the hospital was spared shelling and bombing, but until then, for many hours, nurses were exposed to fire and to the deadly rain of shrapnel. They were cheerful, uncomplicated and calm in the best tradition of the nation.

The behavior of the nurses of this single evacuation hospital was not only according to tradition but typical of women under fire in this war. It has long been remarked by male veterans of field service, medical corps and infantry, that the so-called weaker sex is often cooler under fire than the sturdy, strong men. Coming from wounded men who have recently been in the thick of combat, the remark is a nice compliment, to say the least.

As to the worst horrors of war, peace, as most men are not, these young women—some of the best of them are no longer young—take the horrors of war in their stride. Death and wounds have been a part of their routine in civil life. But this familiarity does not explain their sang froid in facing death and wounds on their own account. Quite the contrary. It is due to a strong personal courage that knows the worst and faces it down with a nonchalance that surprises the veteran soldier.—New York Herald Tribune.

### Canada Stands High

#### Is Contributing Greatly In Every Way To Coming Victory

Today Canada stands higher among the nations of the world than before the outbreak of the war. Amid all the internal wranglings, Canadians may well keep this fact in mind. The strain of maintaining the pace of the struggle is splitting this country in several ways, but it is still nominally one country and it is still engaged in the war. Canada is a charter member of the war, one of that small company among the United Nations that took up the war's burden of her own free will and has continued all these terrible years, not because she was herself attacked, like Russia and the United States, but because she foresaw an attack was certain to come and went out to meet it for the safety of every Canadian home.

In spite of the blunders this country has made, her good works far outweigh her mistakes. Her allies have not always been right in all their plans and operations, and her enemies made the vast miscalculation of trying to bring the whole world to heel. In comparison with these other peoples who live on the earth today, and in the long view of the records of nations, the less than a dozen million Canadians, by early facing up to disaster, are now seen as contributing greatly in arms and armed men to the victory that begins to appear in steadier focus somewhere through the flame and misery ahead.—The Printed Word.

### Bond Of Empire

#### Reason Why Canada Should Be In Close Co-operation With West Indies

There are very real reasons why the Dominion of Canada, close to the West Indies geographically and in bond of Empire and trade relationship, should be granted a larger sphere of influence in any projected economic reconstruction of these colonies.

Grown now to full maturity as a nation within the Commonwealth, both politically and industrially, the Dominion, we believe, is now capable in every way to undertake the administration, defence and development of the West Indies, at least with mandatory responsibility if not in confederation.

Whatever the future holds, it is both logical and prudent that the closest possible relationship should exist between the Dominion and her Caribbean neighbors. Such a relationship would benefit the Dominion, the West Indies and would serve in further consolidation of the ideals of the British Commonwealth of Nations.—Canada-West Indies Magazine.



MERRY  
CHRISTMASHAPPY  
NEW YEAR

As we reflect upon the past year we recollect the pleasant associations we have had with our friends and customers and to them all we extend

SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THIS  
HAPPIEST OF SEASONS

Irma Drug Store



Once again the Joyous Christmas Season returns with remembrance of pleasant associations and gives us an opportunity of wishing you

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1944

IRMA POOL ROOM — Jas. Hedley, Proprietor

Puletide Greetings  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

We thank you for past patronage and hope to serve you in the  
New Year

HANSEN'S SERVICE STATION — IRMA

Thank You!  
and  
Best Wishes to Everyone

Let us hope that 1944 will see the dawn of peace, and victory to our arms in the just cause for which we are fighting. Let us hope that we will see our gallant boys home from foreign lands, and back into gainful employment and happy homes again.

We will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO., LTD.  
H. L. Black, Manager

AND THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

We gratefully acknowledge your valued patronage and hope we may continue to serve you the New Year

SATHER'S SUPER SERVICE — Irma

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fenton are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their first born—a son—on December 22nd, at the Wainwright Hospital.

John Bars and Ivan Hardy left last Saturday for Vancouver, B.C. The January meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Ott, Thursday, January 6. Hostesses: Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Long. Roll call to be answered with "New Year Resolutions."

Will all the boys in the Irma district, 15 to 18 years of age, both inclusive, who are interested in joining the Air Cadets please leave their names with Mr. Ross McFarland, Ernest Carter or at the Times office. Particulars as to forming a squadron here and the individual requirements will be on hand shortly.

Ray Quinlan is now a member of No. 12 Squadron Air Cadets of Edmonton, and is now home from Xmas.

The Irma United Church Sunday School put on a Christmas concert in the church last Tuesday evening. The attendance was very good, and the different numbers on the program were enjoyed by all. During the evening a collection was taken up to be divided equally between the Children's Protestant Home in Edmonton and Wood's Christian Home in Calgary as a Christmas gift in aid of these homes. The sum of \$20 was collected, which will be a worthwhile contribution to this worthy cause.

Mrs. R. H. Hadlow and children, of Edmonton, have arrived back in Irma for Christmas with other members of the family.

Monday, December 27th, has been declared a public holiday by the Provincial Government. Therefore places of business in Irma will be closed all day.

Mr. Floyd Fuder has made good headway making ice at the skating rink. He has been working night and day for some time, and the rink is practically ready for skating at this date, December 22.

Miss Ethel Arnold arrived home from Edmonton last Friday for her Christmas holidays.

Miss Lois Longmire is home from the University for the holiday season.

Please remember the Edmonton-Wainwright bus will run on Wednesday, December 29, but will not run on New Year's Day.

Please hand in your news items for Christmas and New Year activities for the next issue of The Times which will be dated January 7. The boys far from home at this time will be glad of clippings from the local paper.

Mr. Wm. Jenkins arrived on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson.

Mr. Carl Sonef came home for Christmas with his family.

The C.C.F. will start their Saturday evening whist drives on Saturday, January 8, in Hedley's Hall. Playing will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

**FOR SALE** — A pure bred Tamworth Boar, not registered. Eighteen months old. Price \$30.00. O. C. Lovig, Jarow. 2 insp

**FOR SALE OR TRADE** — A 1937 Dodge Sedan, equipped with heater and radio. A. Ploet, Irma 2 in

**PURVIS & LOGAN**  
Barristers and Solicitors  
844 Tegler Building Edmonton

Gold-plated jewelry should be rubbed with a piece of chamois every now and then. If water is used, be sure the jewelry is thoroughly dried. Salt or perspiration are likely to cause gold-plated jewelry to tarnish. If the chamois doesn't clean the jewelry well enough, try a mild silver polish, but be sure to do it very gently so there's no chance of wearing through the thin plating.

Slide fasteners should never be forced—they should be opened and closed by the tab. While laundering or ironing a garment on which there is a slide fastener, make sure the fastener is completely closed. Careless pressing and creasing of the slide fastener may eventually throw some of the teeth out of alignment.

Keep beauty creams fresh. Be sure your jars are always tightly covered—and in a cool place.

Chill the cups fruit cocktail are served in. Fruit juices or diced fruit cocktails should always be served cold.

Interesting Items  
From Kinsella

Visitors to the city last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. F. Long and Mrs. J. Beschell.

Mrs. J. Beschell attended the wedding of her nephew, Mr. Ivor Thompson, while in the city.

Warrant officer John Unilock, who has returned from overseas, is spending a furlough here with his father and sister.

Pte. William Green has left for Calgary after spending his few days leave with his wife.

Mrs. J. L. Scott left on Saturday to spend Christmas and New Year with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot, of Edmonton.

The W. I. held a most successful dance on Wednesday night. The lucky winner of the Xmas cake was Mr. Kinghorn, of Viking. During the evening Father O'Neill, of Viking, gave those present a talk on the urgent need of buying War Savings Stamps.

The Kinsella W. I. will sponsor the sale of War Savings Stamps in this district.

Mr. G. Witts, who was honorably discharged from the army is now working for the C.N.R. in Edmonton.

Remember the dance to be held in Kinsella on New Year's eve, December 31; proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

(Luke 2:14)

Will the Christmas message bring joy to you? It is God's intention that it should for the Angel's proclamation states that the glad tidings are for all people.

Christianity has the message of joy that all the world needs.

In a conversation with an old Buddhist priest one of our missionaries asked this Buddhist this question, "In what way does Christianity differ from your religion, and all other religions?"

After a time of deliberation this Buddhist priest answered, "Christianity offers forgiveness of sins."

This old pagan priest made a correct analysis. Forgiveness of sins is not offered by any pagan religion. The Christian message tells us that a "Saviour is born." He received the name of Jesus, for He came to save His people from their sins. Certainly these are "tidings of great joy," that the Saviour came who proclaimed to the lost sinner, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

And because He brings forgiveness of sins He also brings peace. "My peace I give unto you, not as the world give, I give unto you." But He gives peace in this world of tribulation — A "peace which passeth all understanding to keep our hearts and minds in Him."

This message came first to the shepherds. There were the common working people. Like all other people they needed the Saviour; for no people by nature are good enough. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This message of joy is for all who will receive the joy proclaimed. In John 1:12 we read,

"As many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God." May we all receive this Christian joy!

A very blessed Christian and New Year for us all!

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Wash rayon hose in lukewarm water and mild soap flakes. Be sure to remove your rings; they may catch your hose. Do not wring, stretch or rub the wet stockings. Rayon stockings generally take longer to dry than silk—so, to hasten drying, remove excess moisture by rolling in a towel.

Then hang over a wide rod or dry flat. Never dry them in sunlight or near a radiator—and never use clothes pins. Rayon is not as strong when wet as dry—so be sure your stockings are thoroughly dry before wearing. It's a good stunt to alternate two or more pairs of rayon stockings, as they may take 24 hours to dry thoroughly. Rayon stockings have a tendency to stretch. To insure continued proper fit it may be necessary to adjust your garters.

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